Reply.—This is closely connected with one of the subjects brought up yesterday *viz.*, the registry of tank-bunds and river-banks, now treated as poramboke, in the names of adjacent land-owners. Recently, while I was passing from Aykudi to Shencottah, I observed several cases of encroachments on the public road. Instructions have been issued to the officers concerned to attend to them. In connection with the question of what additional work may be assigned to prover-tikars to whom considerable relief has been now afforded by the abolition of tax-payment in kind, the Chief Engineer has suggested the desir-ability of asking them to see to such encroachments also. Special attention is being paid to this matter and definite orders will issue.

52. Encroachments of European planters on cherikals.

Mr. K. G. Raghava Menon (*Changanachery*) said that encroach-ments on cherikal lands by European planters were matters of daily occurrence and yet very little attention was paid to them by the Revenue and Public Works departments.

Reply.—The encroachments complained of, if they relate to registered holdings, have to be settled between the owner of the lands and the alleged trespassers, and Government cannot of their own accord interfere in such cases. But where the dispute is of a general character or affects well-defined boundaries, it will be duly considered when brought to notice.

53. Modification of the rules regarding the registry of lake and karakadu porambokes.

Mr. A. Harihara Iyer (*Chirayinkil*) represented that under the present rules it was not easy for any person to get any lake or karakadu poramboke registered in his name and prayed that these rules might be so modified as to minimize delay and ensure registry in as many cases as possible.

Reply.—Delay will be taken notice of, when individual represent-ations are made. As for modifying the rules, registries are now made in cases where the porambokes are not required for Govern-ment purposes after due notification in the Gazette, and no alteration of this rule seems called for.

54. That only small margins of land adjoining lakes, canals, &c., should be left as poramboke.

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Mr. Narasimha Kammathi of Shertallay (Nominated) said that in many cases larger areas than necessary were now left as poramboke on the banks of lakes, canals, &c.

Reply.—The suggestion is good and will be followed as far as possible.

55. Empowering Tahsildars to dispose of poramboke cases.

Mr. G Sankaranarayana Iyer (Shencottah) represented that it would ensure the speedy disposal of poramboke cases, if Tahsildars could be empowered to pass final orders on them, instead of their being permitted only to hold an enquiry under authority from the Peishcar and submit a report, as was now done.

Mr. Sattanathan Karayalan (Shencottah) also spoke on the subject.

Reply.—Some of the members said yesterday that Tahsildars have been already saddled with a multiplicity of duties and it is not desirable to give them still more work. When a petition in a matter like this is presented to the Peishkar, he ordinarily refers it to the Tahsildar. So the very officer whom you desire to dispose of it will be available to inspect the spot and hold the enquiry. The final disposal alone remains with the Peishkar. Government do not consider it expedient in these cases to go below Division Assistants as adjudicating officers.

56. Supply of information as to the best means of draining punja lands, to the Agricultural Association, Changanachery.

Mr. Dominic Thomman (Agricultural Association, Changanachery) stated that the agricultural implements now used in the State were primitive and that the foreign machines available in the market were unsuited to local conditions. In small isolated areas covering punja lands of 10 to 100 acres, the machines now in use did not serve their purpose and the employment of human agency involved waste of energy. He suggested that Government might publish a clear specification of the machine required and offer a substantial reward or guarantee a large sale for the approved pattern, in which case model water-wheels would spring into existence and the ryots owning punja lands would largely benefit thereby.

Reply.—If the Association only want information, they might

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